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[REDACTED] a Government Signal Regiment (Pravitel'stvennyy Polk Svyazi) which was located in Bad Vöslau (N 47-58, E 16-12), Austria, in a former German Army World War II Caserne. He was unable to describe the area in detail, nor was he able to estimate the organization, strength, or equipment of the unit. He could not identify it by numerical designation. In the same town, there was still another signal unit, an army signal battalion, subordinate to either CGF or one of the Soviet divisions in Austria. Source could give no information on this second unit.¹

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2. It was common soldier talk in [REDACTED] the 135th Separate Air Warning Battalion, that the Government Signal Regiment was subordinate directly to Moscow and had some further undefined mission of communication liaison in secret matters between Moscow and CGF Hq. [REDACTED] could not give any details concerning the security system prevalent in this unit nor any details on sentries or guard posts.

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3. In addition to the liaison mission, the Government Signal Regiment also ran a signal training school for officers and enlisted personnel.

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[REDACTED] but there [REDACTED] who were graduates of a one-year signal specialists' course at the school. He did not know whether or not there were any officer graduates in his unit.

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4. The personnel of the Government Signal Regiment wore black shoulderboards with black piping with the normal Soviet Army signal insignia. Source stated that the regiment was definitely a Soviet Army unit. In March [REDACTED], [REDACTED] a large unknown number of radio operators and riflemen was transferred from this regiment to the newly formed 135th Separate Air Warning Battalion.

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5. [redacted] information on equipment. [redacted]
or antennae and he has never seen any motorized or any other equip- 50X1
ment of this regiment. In 1952 when Soviet troops in Austria were
still deployed on the zonal borders, source heard that there were some
direction finders (radio-pelengatory) in this regiment. The direction
finders were allegedly used to locate illegal radio transmitters.
6. [redacted] of the Government Signal Regiment sent to 50X1
maintain and to repair telephone-telegraph lines in Baden and other
places, as well as to perform guard duty along the telephone-telegraph
lines. [redacted] however, whether or not these lines were
military nor does he know which centers they connected. 50X1
1. [redacted] Comment: Available U. S. OB data indicates a 59th Signal
Communication Regiment and a 313th Radio Intercept Battalion 50X1
located at Bad Voeslau, Austria.

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